

# The Cromwell Argus

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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## Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

**DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.**

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our

STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, and boxes  
Coffees, from the pure b  
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Cocoa, Chocolate, of the  
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Sugars : crystals of ev  
made, and crushed  
Bacon, Cheese, Butter : weekly supplies from  
the best dairies  
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Chests, Candles : best brands  
Soap : treble crown, blue mottled, household,  
scented in bars, cakes, and boxes  
Vestas, by approved makers  
Salt : table, fine, and coarse  
Raisins : Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes  
Oils : salad, castor, and kerosene  
Sauces : Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob,  
and assorted

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior  
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden  
Bar, Venus tens  
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tiers and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard,  
Martell's, in bulk and case  
Whiskies : Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in  
bulk and case  
Rum : Lemon Hart's  
Port : Fine old Offley's, six grape  
Sherry : Gonzola, six diamond  
Gin : JDKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kumfield  
Old Tom : Burnett's, Bernard's  
Claret : St. Julien's

Moselle : No. 2  
Hock : Gold Leaf  
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case  
Ales : Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial  
Porter : Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial  
Cordials : assorted  
Sarsaparilla : Singleton's, Townsend's  
Bitters : Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse  
Gunpowder, caps, and shot  
Long and short handled shovels  
Spades, sluice forks  
Picks and pickhandles  
Gold dishes, hose-pipes  
Drills and drilling hammers  
Manilla and flax ropes  
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils  
Galvanised and corrugated iron  
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins  
Tea-kettles, iron and tin  
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs  
Iron boilers  
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans  
Axes and axe-handles  
Nails, cut and wrought  
Tacks, clout and American cut  
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades  
Cutlery, a large assortment  
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES : CABINET AND HAND.

**DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Suits : silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac  
Boys' do.  
Trousers and Vests : Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed,  
doeskin  
Shirts : white dress, crèmeans, Scotch twill,  
tweed  
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool,  
merino, and cotton  
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials : winceys, French merinos, all-  
wool plaids, prints  
Flannels ; Calicos, bleached and unbleached  
Blankets, rugs, quilts  
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.  
Cocoon and felt mattings  
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets  
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats ; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots : men's elastic-sides, watertight, half-Wellingtons ; Hayward and North British Gum Boot  
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete  
Lamps : parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every de-  
scription

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots ; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection ;  
patent medicines ; stationery ; perfumery.

**COLONIAL PRODUCE : Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.**

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed  
flour, bran, and pollard ; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty  
miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

**W. TALBOYS'**  
**CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.**

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Muscateels, 1s 2d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Elemes, 7½d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb

Kerosene (Neonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.

Lobsters, 10½d per tin

Salmon, 10½d per tin

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Oysters, 7d per tin

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s per box

Preserved Fruits, 2s.

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 10½d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertight, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

**W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.**

## Cromwell Advertisements

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,**

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

**DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY  
WINES and SPIRITS.**

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

**MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,**

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

**FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS**

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.**

**EXTENSION OF PREMISES.**

**W. TALBOYS**

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

**Great Clearing Sale !**

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

**DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY,**

**CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,**

**EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY !**

**CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS.**

## Cromwell



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## N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of April, May and June, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:-

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, April 5 and 19

" May 3, 17 and 31

" June 14 and 28

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business. For the transaction of ordinary business this office will be open every Monday.]

OPHIR—Tuesday, April 6

" May 4

" June 1

[This office will be open for the transaction of ordinary business the Monday preceding each Court day.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, April 13

" May 11

" June 8

JACKSON KEDDELL,  
Warden and R.M.

CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE  
MEETING, DECEMBER, 1880.

## THE CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each for all acceptors, with 50 sovs added by the Club. Two sovs forfeit. For three-year-olds bred in Vincent, Lake and Maniototo Counties. Derby weights: Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1880, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR, Secretary.

K. P R E T S C H.  
CROMWELL,  
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,  
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E. M U R R E L L,  
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,  
Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of S I L V E R HUNTING LEVER WATCHES direct from the can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.



E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,  
Watch and Clock Maker,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-  
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.  
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,  
Having accepted the above Company's Agency or New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.  
5 " 2s 6d "  
10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND  
IRON MERCHANTS,  
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

## Miscellaneous.

## TO FARMERS.

## M'CORMICK'S HARVESTERS FOR SALE.

Agent for Cromwell:  
CHARLES COLCLOUGH.

## A N D A. J. PARK,

## R. SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,

## SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,

## SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,

## H I G H S T R E E T, D U N E D I N.

Land Office business transacted.

## MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

## J O H N S M I T H

begs to intimate to the Public that he

## H A S O P E N E D

Those

## WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES

(Late Starkey and Scally's),

And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a fair share of public patronage.

## BUGGIES &amp; SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

## HORSES BROKEN IN, &amp;c.

## P. B U T T E L &amp; C O.'S

## FLOUR MILLS,

## NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

## SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

## GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, —cannot be excelled in the Colony.

## V I N C E N T F L O U R M I L L,

## O P H I R.

## J. C. J O N E S

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

## S I L K - D R E S S E D F L O U R

of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

## Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

## W A K A T I P F L O U R &amp; O A T M E A L

## M I L L S, LAKE HAYES.

## ROBERT GILMOUR . PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

## N O T I C E

On and after this date, POISON will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queensberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,

Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

## N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

## F O R S A L E

8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler, with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell

Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street

Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street

Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Cromwell.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

## Cromwell

## S W A N B R E W E R Y,

## C R O M W E L L.

G. W. GOODGER . Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unlabelled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

## W I L L I A M S U T H E R L A N D

General

## B L A C K S M I T H &amp; F A R R I E R,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

## Q U A R T Z V I L L E,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

## C R O M W E L L

## V E T E R I N A R Y S H O E I N G F O R G E,

M E L M O R E S T R E E T.

ROBERT WISHART,  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,  
&c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes	... ...	10s.
Draught do.	... ...	16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

## I M P O R T A N T T O W A G O N E R S, F A R-

## M E R S, A N D T H E G E N E R A L P U B L I C.

## N E W V E T E R I N A R Y &amp; S H O E I N G F O R G E

## J A M E S R I C H A R D S,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,  
Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

## Note the Address—

M E L M O R E S T R E E T, C R O M W E L L,

Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

## S H E R W O O D A N D W R I G H T,

W H O L E S A L E A N D R E T A I L

W I N E, S P I R I T, A N D P R O V I S I O N M E R-

C H A N T S, A N D G E N E R A L

S T O R E K E E P E R S,

M E L M O R E - S T R E E T, C R O M W E L L.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

W I N E S, S P I R I T S, P R O V I S I O N S, A N D

F A M I L Y G R O C E R I E S

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

F L O U R, B R A N, P O L L A R D, A N D G E N E R A L

P R O D U C E

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.

In this line the firm can offer special value.

G O O D S D E L I V E R E D T O A L L P A R T S O F T H E

D I S T R I C T.

F A M I L I E S R E G U L A R LY W A I T E D U P O N.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

D A I R Y P R O D U C T E S

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

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## Hotels.

KIRLEBURN HOTEL,  
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

J OHN M A R S H,  
BRIDGE HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

## VALUE FOR MONEY.

VICTORIA BRIDGE  
HOTEL.

J. MC CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

B ANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,  
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,  
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSE-HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,  
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

C RITERION HOTEL,  
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

P ORT P HILIP HOTEL,  
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	... 6s
Single Feed	... 2s
Meals and Bed, each	... 2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	... 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

## Hotel

B ALLARAT HOTEL,  
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

## FIRST-CLASS STABLING

Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

E. M'CAFFREY,  
PRACTICAL STONEMAKER AND  
MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR  
QUEENSTOWN.

Monuments, Headstones, Memorial Crosses and Tablets cut to any design.

Stone for Building and Coping supplied according to agreement.

Pillars, suitable for any kind of large building, from 1ft to 20ft lengths, any thickness.

The above can be highly polished.

E. M'CAFFREY would beg to call particular attention to the stone, as the most eminent geologists at the Sydney Exhibition have pronounced the same to be imperishable, having a fine grain and capable of sustaining the finest ornamental work, which cannot be excelled in any part of the world. It is of a bright yellow color, which shows its brilliant nature.

Before building send for a sample of his stone, which will be forwarded per return of post.

Address:

E. M'CAFFREY,  
QUEENSTOWN.



## FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. A N D W. O L D S,  
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

## SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



## THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,  
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

T HOMAS F O O T E,  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
C R O M W E L L.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

## BEATTY

A 13 Stop Organ.

ONLY \$97.

15 DAYS TEST TRIAL

15 DAYS TEST

V. R.

## WANAKA &amp; TARRAS DISTRICTS.

4078 ACRES UNDER DEFERRED PAYMENT, AT 30s PER ACRE.

APPLICATIONS will be received at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, or at any Land Office in the Otago Land District, on THURSDAY, 6th May, 1880, for Sections 1 to 7, Block II, Wanaka District, containing from 200 to 319 acres each; and for Sections 14, Block III, and 3 to 6, 8, 9, and 12, Block IX, Tarras District, containing from 154 to 320 acres each.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
Crown Lands Office,  
Dunedin, 5th April, 1880.

V. R.

## IN THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT, CROMWELL.

OWEN O'NEIL V. JOHN LYNN.

I HEREBY NOTIFY that by virtue of a Distress Warrant in the above suit to me directed, I will SELL by public auction at 2 p.m. on SATURDAY, 17th April, 1880, on the ground known as O'Neil and Party's Claims, Smith's Gully, Bannockburn,

All Right, Title and Interest (if any) in and to the following effects, viz:

Two six-acre Claims, Head Race, Dam, Tail Race, and Plant in connexion therewith,

Unless the amount of this warrant, with costs thereon, be sooner paid.

TERMS: CASH.

WILLIAM ROONEY,  
Bailiff to Resident Magistrate's Court.  
Cromwell, 10th April, 1880.

## STAR OF THE EAST QUARTZ-MINING COMPANY (REGISTERED).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the Shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at Union Chambers, No. 67, Princes-street, Dunedin, on the 29th day of April, 1880, at the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon, to transact the following business, that is to say:

To Appoint Directors of the said Company. And all Shareholders are hereby requested to attend at the time and place aforesaid.

Dated at the registered Office of the Company this 12th day of April, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Manager.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARTNERSHIP hitherto subsisting between the undersigned John Perriam and Robert M'Gregor as Runholders and Sheep-farmers, carrying on business on the Hunter, or Highburn, Station, under the style of Perriam and M'Gregor, has this day been DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

As witness our hands this 23rd day of March, 1880.

JOHN PERRIAM.  
ROBERT M'GREGOR.

Witness:  
R. LOUDON, Bank Clerk, Cromwell.

V. R.

## OTAGO GOLDFIELDS.

## Application for an Agricultural Lease.

District of Otago Goldfields,  
April 5, 1880.

To the Warden at Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a lease of land for agricultural purposes, being on the Cromwell Commanage, and situate on Half-way Rise, between Cromwell and Kawarau Gorge, about two miles from Cromwell, and comprising 60 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Lease Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

WILLIAM BENNETT.

## NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me at Cromwell on 23rd April.

JACKSON KEDDELL.

Warden.

## CROMWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

QUARTERLY MEETING of Contributors THURSDAY Evening.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,  
Secretary.

LOYAL CROMWELL LODGE,  
M. U. I. O. O. F.

The Regular Monthly Meeting takes place on FRIDAY next, 16th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock p.m.

C. RAY,  
Secretary.

## N O T I C E.

## BANNOCKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Annual GENERAL MEETING of Subscribers will be held on FRIDAY, 16th April, at 7 p.m. Subscribers urgently requested to attend. (By order of the Committee.)

## ESTATE OF JAMES CROMBIE.

All ACCOUNTS due to the above Estate must be SETTLED before the 1st of May; otherwise proceedings will be instituted to recover same.

DAVID A. JOLLY,  
Trustee.

April 13, 1880.

## BOROUGH OF CROMWELL

## NOTICE.

The BURGESS LIST for 1880 can be INSPECTED at the Town Clerk's Office, Cromwell.

All Objections to the same must be in accordance with the 6th schedule of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1876, and delivered at Town Clerk's office on or before 15th day of April.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Town Clerk.

## BOROUGH OF CROMWELL

## Extraordinary Vacancy for Two Councillors for Bridge Ward.

In Room of Councillors Arndt and Dawkins.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Two COUNCILLORS for Bridge Ward will be received at the Council Chambers, Cromwell, at noon, on THURSDAY, 15th April, 1880.

Dated at Cromwell this 5th day of April, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

## BOROUGH OF CROMWELL

## Extraordinary Vacancy for Councillor for Macandrew Ward.

In Room of Councillor Scott.

NOMINATIONS for the office of COUNCILLOR for Macandrew Ward will be received at the Court House, Cromwell, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of April, 1880.

Dated at Cromwell this 5th day of April, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Returning Officer for Macandrew Ward.

## IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!

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## GEORGE PRESCOTT,

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At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

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## GEORGE PRESCOTT,

S. T. BATHANS.

V. R.

Office of Registrar of Elector's,  
Clyde, 3rd March, 1880.

FORMS of APPLICATION to be placed on the ELECTORAL ROLL of the Dunstan District can be obtained at this Office.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,  
Registrar of Electors.

M R SPENCE H. TURTON  
Has commenced Practice as a  
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER  
IN CROMWELL

Mr TURTON is prepared to visit Alexandra, Blacks, and other places, when professionally required.

## PUBLIC LECTURE

THE REV. T. E. ASH  
will deliver

A L E C T U R E  
IN THE ATHENÆUM HALL,  
Cromwell, on  
MONDAY EVENING NEXT, APRIL 19.

SUBJECT: LONDON, AND ITS HISTORY.

Admission - One Shilling.

I N B A N K R U P T C Y.  
ESTATE OF JOHN MARSH OF CROMWELL.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The First and Final DIVIDEND is now PAYABLE at the Office of Messrs Basting, Leary and Co., High-street, Dunedin, to those Creditors whose Claims have been duly proved and allowed.

Dunedin, 5th April, 1880.

RICHARD H. LEARY,  
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Either in One Lot, or Otherwise.

Five Superior DRAUGHT HORSES  
One Large TIP-DRAY, and  
Two Sets of Cart and Leading HARNESS.

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A Five-Head BATTERY, Complete  
Overshot WATER-WHEEL (30ft diam.)  
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300ft FLUMING.

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All DEBTS due to the Estate, if not paid immediately, will be SUED FOR, without further notice.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,  
Trustee.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL  
CO. (LIMITED).

A CALL of 1s per Share has been made Payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 14th April, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Manager.

CARRICK RANGE WATER  
SUPPLY CO. (REGISTERED).

A CALL of 2s 6d per Share has been made Payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 14th April, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Manager.

N O T I C E

All Outstanding DEBTS must be SETTLED or arranged by the 1st of APRIL next, otherwise they will be put into the hands of my Solicitor for collection, without further notice.

On and after the above date, Discount will be allowed at the rate of 2d the 4lb Loaf; Monthly Payments.

JAMES SCOTT,  
Cromwell Bakery.

March 15th, 1880.

V. R.

## POSTAL NOTICE

The next outward mail via Frisco will close here at noon on Wednesday, 21st inst.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

**Cromwell Argus,**  
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1880.

THE Royal Commission on Railways—or, as our Queenstown correspondent very aptly christens it, the "Lightning Commission"—is now "doing" the Otago Great Central line, and if we may judge from the evidence before us the hope of inland Otago is likely to be "done" to death by these Government representatives. It has hitherto been a popular delusion that Commissions were appointed to examine minutely into, and make enquiries from competent persons upon, the merits or demerits of the particular subject whereto they were appointed. But New Zealand has improved upon this, and if the Railway Commission may be accepted as a sample of the other Commissions now roving over the country, all we can say is that the whole thing is the veriest farce and a wilful waste of public money. It seemed silly enough that the Civil Service Commissioners should find it necessary to open their campaign by a cheap trip to Queenstown—but this most people charitably supposed was to recruit themselves in that salubrious locality for the subsequent strain on their mental and physical resources. But the Royal Commissioners on Railways are to us of the interior a much more important body, as upon the outcome of their labors may depend in great measure whether the progress of Otago is to be rapidly advanced by the opening of the country, or is to be fettered for an indefinite period. We cannot be far astray in assuming that the Great Central line is one of the chief matters in Otago upon which the Commissioners will have to report, and regarding which they are expected to make themselves thoroughly conversant. And how are they proceeding to achieve this desirable result? Their progress up till this morning will show. The party arrived here on Sunday evening after a lengthened stay in comfortable quarters at Queenstown, and it may here be remarked that but for telegrams in the Dunedin papers, the people here would have entirely ignorant that such distinguished persons were to pass their way. Betimes on Monday morning, the party proceeded up the Clutha Valley, and having reached so far as Luggate Creek—some 25 miles from Cromwell—they turned back. This, as every man in this district knows, means that the Commissioners actually went within a couple of miles journey of a point whence they could have surveyed the whole extent of the Valley towards the Lakes, and by far the most valuable territory through which the proposed line will be laid! For all practical purposes the Commissioners might just as well have continued their journey through Cromwell without turning to the right or to the left. But the grievance does not end here. No opportunity was afforded of having a word with this august body, who, in Cromwell, were on the spot where they might have collected a lot of useful information. But evidently practical knowledge was not what the Commissioners wanted, and they took good care not to invite it. Neither the Mayor or any other representative man had audience of them, and they departed last evening as silently and suddenly as they burst upon our view. Reaching Clyde in time to go to bed, the Commissioners continued their "lightning" and erratic career this morning, and according to our telegrams passed a point of the Great Central line almost as important as that which they shirked the previous day. We entirely sympathise with the County Chairman in resenting the perfunctory style in which the Railway Commissioners appear to be acting, and cannot help thinking, in view of the active part Mr PYKE has taken in the matter of the Strathataieri Railway, that his not being made aware of the coming of the Commission was a studied insult to that gentleman. So far as the chief portions of this County are concerned the labors of the Commissioners have been of the most superficial character, and it is very much to be feared, unless some direct and powerful influence interpose, that their report will in no way advance the Otago interior railway line—if, indeed, it do not have a tendency in the opposite direction.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CLYDE, This Day, 10.33.

The Railway Commissioners arrived here last night. They left this morning for Nasby, avoiding the railway route by Alexandra and Ida Valley. They were deputationised by Messrs Fache, Naylor, and Cambridge. The County Chairman refused to attend, on the ground that the local authorities had not been treated with proper courtesy, no notification of their coming having been sent.

DUNEDIN, April 13, 10.25 a.m.

A reported case of small-pox at Forbury turns out to be chicken-pox.

A case of considerable importance was tried at the Supreme Court yesterday. Dornwell, a butcher in George-street, having charged one of his employes with stealing

moneys, and repeated statements to that effect to a confidential servant, the employee raised an action for slander. The Court held that the communication was privileged, and plaintiff was therefore non-suited.

At Christchurch, the libel action "Bracken v. Darrell" had to be withdrawn owing to neglect in summoning a special jury.

Walter Clarke, ex-staff-Sergt. of the 75th Regiment, aged 38, was killed by falling off a train at Kaikaitu.

The inquest on the body of the prisoner Wilson, who died in Invercargill gaol, resulted in a verdict that deceased died from natural causes.

The South British Insurance Co. has declared a dividend of ten per cent. The losses during the half year amounted to £30,000.

#### LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, April 11.

Obituary—Lord Hampton.

The Queensland £2,000,000 loan was a brilliant success. It was subscribed thrice over.

The election for N. E. Lancashire resulted in the return of two Liberals (Lord Hartington and Mr Grafton) in place of two Conservatives who represented the constituency in last Parliament.

Consols have advanced. They are now quoted at 90½.

The Observer states that the Marquis of Salisbury is to be raised to a dukedom.

Gortschakoff is seriously ill.

Arrived, Rangatikei and Waipa, from New Zealand.

The Liberal gains in the general elections amount to 109.

The Times states it is probable Earl Derby will be appointed Secretary for the Colonies.

#### INTERCOLONIAL.

Victoria easily won the boat-race against Sydney.

The Victorian Government has decided to withdraw in three months the rewards offered for the capture of the Kelly gang.

Lang, a prospector, has arrived at Brisbane and reports the discovery of splendid-looking auriferous country in Sefton river district.

The quarterly meeting of subscribers to the Cromwell Hospital takes place on Thursday evening.

It is probable that Parliament will be called together for the despatch of business on the 26th of May.

We understand that the Rev. T. E. Ash, Episcopalian clergyman, leaves the Dunstan district next week. The rev. gentleman's new location will be in Canterbury.

It is intimated in the *Tablet* the Rev. T. Kehoe has been appointed to the new mission of Riverton and Winton; the Rev. P. O'Leary to Cromwell; and the Rev. W. Purton, lately arrived from England, to Dunedin.

A special telegram from Wellington to the *Daily Times* states that it is roughly calculated that the revenue for the financial year ended the 31st ult. is about £2,167,000, or about £278,000 under the Treasurer's estimate.

It is notified in our business columns that Mr Spence H. Turton has commenced practice in Cromwell as solicitor and conveyancer, and is prepared to undertake Court and other business throughout the County.

The Mayor, as treasurer to the local fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland, desires, through us, to acknowledge, in addition to the sums already published, receipt of the following from Mr Hedditch, Pembroke: Mrs Russell, £1; R. M'Dougall, £1; and G. Ailing, £1.

Heavy rains during the latter part of last week were welcomed by followers of every branch of industry, but especially the miners, who in most instances were idle for lack of water—in alluvial for sluicing, and in quartz, for motive power. The rivers came down very rapidly, and have not been higher since the great floods in 1878. They are now subsiding, and the weather seems more settled.

The inclement weather of last week prevented the Royal Commission on Railways—consisting of Mr O. Curtis (Nelson), M'Cosh Clark (Auckland) E. G. Wright (Canterbury), Col. Pearce (Wellington) and J. Reid (Otago)—from reaching Cromwell from Queenstown on Friday, as intended. The Commissioners came down on Sunday evening, and proceeded up the Clutha Valley on Monday morning, returning towards dusk, having travelled, as we are informed, as far as Luggate Creek—some twenty-five miles from here. After dinner the party went on to Clyde, whence they started for Naseby first thing this morning. No opportunity was afforded residents here of interviewing the Commissioners.

It will be recollect that at the last half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Cromwell Q.M. Company, Bendigo, a sum of £50 was voted towards an Accident Relief Fund that had been initiated among the Company's workmen, at the suggestion, we understand, of Mr Todd, now working manager. Since that time the society has been duly formed, and weekly subscriptions have been paid by all the employees. The first meeting of members of the Fund was held in the Bendigo school-house on Wednesday last, Mr W. Ware being voted to the chair. That gentleman intimated that the chief business of the meeting was the election of a committee of office-bearers, five in number, including Messrs Todd and Ware, who would act as *ex-officio* members, and the adoption of a code of rules. The manager (Mr Todd) read the rules to the meeting, and they were adopted. The election of a committee was then proceeded with by ballot, the result being that choice fell upon Messrs Kans, Ware, and Towan. The committee thereafter met and appointed Messrs Todd and P. Ware to the offices of chairman and secretary respectively. This concluded the business and the meeting closed with the usual courtesy to the chair.

The steamship City of Sydney, with the San Francisco mail, arrived at Auckland on Friday.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Bannockburn Public Library will be held in the local school-house on Friday evening, at seven o'clock.

The various County Councils are now receiving notification from the Treasury of the intention of Government to discontinue the payment of subsidies after the expiration of the current financial period.

The Otago Education Board have just compiled their quarterly attendance returns. The number of children on the roll at the beginning of the quarter was 16,020, and at the end of the quarter 18,834, consisting of 9638 boys and 9196 girls.

The Opera Bouffe Company are giving two farewell performances in Cromwell, *en route* to Roxburgh, Lawrence, and intermediate centres. We can honestly recommend this company as something above the general run of up-country entertainments.

The magistrate at Invercargill last week gave judgment against the Captain of the Arrow Cadets for £25 7s 10d, balance due on uniforms supplied by J. Rogers, under circumstances detailed in these columns last issue. The costs amounted to £10 19s.

"London, and its history," is the title of a lecture announced to be delivered in the Cromwell Athenaeum Hall on Monday evening next by the Rev. T. E. Ash. From the popularity of the subject and the undoubted ability of the lecturer, there is certain to be a large attendance.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands intimates that 4078 acres of land in the Wanaka and Tarras survey districts have been opened for selection under the deferred payment system, at 30s per acre. Applications will be received at any Land Office in Otago up to Thursday, 6th May. Particulars are advertised elsewhere.

We are glad to be able to inform residents in this division of the Dunstan electoral district that forms of application to be placed on the electoral roll can be obtained at the Cromwell Court-house from Mr Dalgleish. There can therefore be no excuse for neglecting this important duty, which should be done before the close of the current month.

It must be a pleasant thing to be a member of the Southland County Council. That body has £16,200 in the Bank to its credit. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that a motion was made at the last meeting of the Council that no rate be levied for the year 1880-81. The Chairman of Vincent County at one time held out hope of a similar concession to ratepayers, but, alas! it proved delusive.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Southland, held on Wednesday, 7th inst., in the First Presbyterian Church, Invercargill, the Presbytery proceeded to moderate in a call to a colleague and successor to the Rev. A. H. Stobo. A petition was presented, with the object of delaying the moderation, but the Presbytery determined to proceed. On a name being asked for to be inserted in the call, the Rev. Joseph M'Cracken and the Rev. John Ferguson were nominated. On a vote being taken, 120 members and 54 adherents declared for Mr Ferguson, and 17 members and one adherent for Mr M'Cracken. A large number of church members and adherents signed the call to Mr Ferguson on the spot, and it was resolved by the Presbytery to allow a fortnight for receiving further signatures, after which it would be determined whether the call should be sustained.

"Wanted, a Guide. That," says the *Daily Times*, "is the sensation which has been the experience of many travellers to the Lakes this season. People arrive at Queenstown in large numbers, and are left pretty much to their own devices, and consequently do not see as much as they might of the beauties of the district. As a first step towards Alpine Clubs, might not the Queenstown people provide a few well-informed civil men who would act as guides, and also get a handbook of the district printed to give to new arrivals?" The idea of a handbook of the Wakatipu district is no new one, for if we remember rightly some years since a gentleman who is one of the oldest residents in Queenstown, and is, moreover, thoroughly capable for the task, made offer to compile a volume were some inducement offered by the local body; but nothing came of the suggestion. The gentleman is still to the fore, and we hope to see the desired guide-book in existence before next season.

From enquiries made, we learn the following particulars concerning the destruction by fire, yesterday week, of Gorman's Kirleburn Hotel, at Roaring Meg. As previously stated, the only occupants of the premises on that evening were Mr Gorman, Hannah Kirby, the servant girl, and a young girl, named Horrigan, staying with Mr Gorman. On the night of the fire, Mr Gorman went to bed about nine o'clock, and lay reading for some time, after which he fell asleep. He was awakened by the servant calling at his bedroom door that there was a great light on the other side of the house. Mr Gorman at once arose, and saw flames issuing from a partition opposite his bedroom. He went to the storeroom and took out a bag of flour, the flames being close upon him. Then went into the bar and threw out a case of whisky and other spirits. Two coats, a dress and a buggy-whip were the only other things saved. Strange to say, Mr Gorman quite overlooked a large sum of money, £215 or £220, that was in a chest of drawers in his bedroom, and Mrs Gorman's jewelry was also lost. The total loss is estimated by Mr Gorman at £1500, so that the insurance, £500 in the Union Co., goes only a little way towards covering it. Mr Gorman can only account for the fire by supposing that it originated from a boiler near the kitchen in which some pig's food was cooking, and the fire under which had not been extinguished when the household retired to rest.

#### THE LAKE COMPANIES AT THE CHRISTCHURCH REVIEW.

(By Nov. Com.)

A great deal has been written of late about the Christchurch Review, and apparently every effort made to find fault, especially if such well could be found amongst the rank-and-file of the Volunteers. In all that has been written not one single paragraph has appeared in which the good conduct of the Volunteers as a body was made prominent—and this applies in a special degree to the Lake District companies, who, on their return home, had travelled by rail 912 miles, by water, 50 miles, and, in the case of Cromwell, by coach, 100 miles. It was mentioned more than once that the Lakes companies exemplified the only true Volunteer spirit, and whose conduct throughout was most exemplary under very trying and exceptional circumstances. It is right, therefore, that the local public should be made acquainted with the doings of the Lake contingent at the late review. Experience has proved that in all cases of these reviews—and this applies particularly to the Lake District—at least 10 days before, it should be known the number to a man likely to take part therein. A non-commissioned officer, on behalf of the whole, should be immediately dispatched to the scene of operations, accredited to the Review Committee, and whose special duty would be to see to the billeting of the men, and meet them on arrival. He also could make all necessary arrangements for them on the road. It is obvious that by adopting some such plan a great want lately felt would be supplied. As it was, happily arrangements were this year made for the Lakes men as far as Dunedin.

Fifty-nine men of the Lake District took part in the late Review, composed as follows—Cromwell Rifles: Lieut. Jolly, sub-Lieut. Colclough, and 19 men; Queenstown Artillery: Sub-Lieut. Evans, and 19 men (including band); Arrow Rifles: Captain Jenkins, Lieut. Healey, sub-Lieut. Locke, and 15 men. The men travelled in two contingents the Cromwell and part of Arrow company starting from Queenstown on the morning of Wednesday, Capt. Jenkins, with the remainder of the Arrow Rifles and the Queenstown men, leaving next morning. Thus the two parties made the journey to Christchurch without seeing each other till arrival there. At Dunedin the first contingent was comfortably accommodated at the Gridiron Hotel. Complimentary remarks were made during the march to the hotel on the physique and soldierly-bearing of the men, who made the flags ring again with their firm and well-timed pace. The poor second contingent arrived at three o'clock next morning, got a cup of coffee—some not that—and away again. So far, the second contingent had railed it almost continuously from Kingston, and they had 17 mortal hours of it before they got to Christchurch. Meanwhile the first contingent got into the express at 8 o'clock on Friday morning (after a comfortable night's rest) and sped on their way, overtaking the train that started hours before somewhere beyond Timaru, where it had to "shunt" off the line to allow the express to pass. Three or four of the first contingent noiselessly got out of bed so as to go with what they imagined would be the first train to reach Christchurch. What a sell they had—and how the laugh was turned against them! About 7.30 p.m. the express arrived in Christchurch, when the men "fell in," with all their luggage in hand. Not a soul in authority was to be seen. At last, after waiting some time, one of the non-commissioned officers was sent to hunt up some one. Fortunately, Major Wales of Dunedin was met with, and he at once undertook the difficult task of getting the men housed. Placing himself at the head of the company, the Major marched from house to house without success. Meanwhile crowds were gathering round the stalwart but tired Lake contingent. All at once one of the men, with an undoubted poetical turn of mind, improvised a song suitable to the occasion, ending in a chorus, "We've got no bread to eat." Whether through this song, which caused great merriment among the men, but corresponding annoyance to the bystanders, cannot be said, but certain it is that the very next place the Major called at took the men in, and gave them plenty of "bread to eat." It was the Grosvenor Hotel, one Mr Munford being the proprietor. His name and that of the house deserve to be recorded, because nothing could exceed the continued kindness shown by Mr and Mrs Munford to the men, one and all, the whole time they were there; so that, after all, the Lakes men had undoubtedly the best quarters in Christchurch. About 11.30 p.m. the 17-hour train arrived with its tired occupants. Let anyone picture to himself men arriving who the morning before left Queenstown—a distance of nearly 490 miles—and who had not had a meal or a lie down! The band at once marched off, and, tired as they were, played one of their lively quicksteps. The remainder were marched to the Grosvenor Hotel to have a good wash and then dinner, let what might occur afterwards. Mine host and hostess were consulted, and finally the billiard-room as a sleeping apartment was pitched upon. This room was a grand one—carpeted, and sofas around. Mattresses were placed on the floor, and abundance of good clean bedding. I much question whether the men in this room were not the best accommodated in sleeping room of any visitors to Christchurch. They were by far better off than any of the officers, who were miserably quartered, and only wished they were here. It did one's heart good to see the noble fellows on this occasion—helping,

assisting, and lending to one another, laughing, and making naught of their long, tiresome journey. Let no one say a word disparaging of the Lakes companies, either singly, as companies, or combined as a whole, after this.

Now, as to the disposition of the forces, at this memorable review. The present writer will not pretend to give you an account—the whole thing was in a magnificent fog. The Artillery company in No. 1 swallowed up the Queenstown men; the Christchurch Engineers and City Guards, the Cromwell and Arrow men. Captain Jenkins made a strong protest against this on Saturday, when he got some kind of promise that if he was on the ground early on Monday morning, at Cramner Square, a seventh company would be formed, but the six would be preferred. Well, early on Monday morning the Lakes companies (Queenstown excepted) marched from the Grosvenor Hotel to Cramner Square—18 file strong, 2 marksmen, 3 subaltern officers, and a band, 14 in number, all commanded by Captain Jenkins, and accompanied by the Lakes District Sergt.-Major. The whole formed a very imposing spectacle, all well-dressed, and the band played a series of good quick-steps. Nothing could exceed the men's marching, or the order in which they kept their "fours." This deserves remarking, for nothing better occurred during the gathering. The company was accompanied by hundreds of people. On arrival at Cramner Square, it was intimated that it was deemed inadvisable to make a seventh company—would the Lakes men fall in as on Saturday. I believe they did not. The troops then marched to the railway station, the 3rd battalion headed by the combined bands of Christchurch, Queenstown, and Oamaru. The Queenstown band was awarded a meed of local praise on all sides, although only once mentioned in the Dunedin papers. It is much to be regretted that the Lakes men were not allowed to form a special company, for it is a certainty they would have held their own on the field—in this every man was determined. The music to the march past was played by the Invercargill band, in position opposite the saluting-point, playing the British Grenadiers—the three combined bands of Christchurch, Queenstown, and Oamaru leading the 3rd battalion. They marched with great precision, thus giving the time and step to the leading company. You have heard, no doubt, and it is true, that the local companies were cheered, while silence prevailed as the others passed. This is why I confine myself solely to the Lakes companies, who were, without doubt, the soldiers of the hour, presenting as they did a very striking appearance. After undergoing such a journey, and then to be debarred from their rights, was, to say the least of it, shabby treatment.

However, let the public of the district have the satisfaction of knowing that their Volunteers behaved like gentlemen, paid their way like men, and returned every man well pleased, having enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The officers had no trouble—they trusted their men and were rewarded. It was noticed that no man appeared unless in uniform, and the uniform properly adjusted. Nothing more need be said of that or any other subject concerned with the review. On Monday night a great number returned, and on Tuesday all left Christchurch, but a stay was made in Dunedin, after which the return from thence was made in twos, threes, and fours. One thing more—three groans were given on leaving Christchurch, and no music. On leaving Dunedin the bands played Auld Lang Syne, and after leaving the station, The Girl I Left Behind me. On arrival at Invercargill, Home Sweet Home was given in slow time. Draw your own inference from these facts. I now conclude as I began, with this advice—no matter where the review—in good time let companies make up their minds how many are going, after which depute a non-commissioned officer to the Review Committee, and a great deal of acrimony will thus be avoided, beside which the companies will feel sure that their own men will see to them—for after all 'tis the commissariat—the inevitable commissariat.

In the list of saloon passengers per ship City of Florence, which arrived at Port Chalmers on Sunday from London, we perceive the name of "Captain Jackson Barry."

Edward Blackburn, the winner of the wrestling competition at the Otago Athletic and Racing Association's sports on Easter Monday last, has challenged Dagg, champion of the heavy weights, to wrestle him for the championship and £50 a side on champion competition terms. Blackburn weighs at present 12st stripped, and stands about 5ft 6½ inches high, whereas Dagg weighs nearly 14st, and is over 6ft in height. Blackburn, however, has a good Home reputation as a wrestler, and from his performance on Easter Monday the lovers of the "manly art" will no doubt enjoy a treat when the match takes place. Dagg is now at the Elbow, but a telegram has been sent to him by the secretary of the Caledonian Society advising him of the challenge. By the conditions Dagg is bound to advise the Society within six days from date of challenge as to whether he is prepared to accept it or forfeit the championship. The date of the contest has been fixed by the Society for Saturday, the 22nd May, and will be held on the Caledonian Grounds as usual.

The serious depression which has so long existed in every industry throughout this district has not been lost sight of by W. Talboys, who happily has been in a position to mitigate the evil to some extent by selling his Drapery and other Stock at prices lower than ever. By judicious cash purchases while the market was favorable, the proprietor of London House secured large stocks of splendid goods for spring and summer wear, and which he is enabled to dispose of at prices never before known in Cromwell. Every article of its kind is good and substantial, and will be found full value. Call and inspect before purchasing.—W. TALBOYS' London House, Cromwell. [Advt.]

Beware of cards. Many a young man has fallen into the hands of a knave, and come within an ace of going to the dene.

The man or woman who has never loved, hugged, kissed, plied with, listened to, or thoroughly spanked a child, has missed the cardinal joys of life.

## ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

April 12.

At last the long drought has been broken, and a good steady down-pour of rain, extending over three days, has thoroughly saturated our hills and fields, giving a copious supply of sustenance to the grass, as well as to the young wheat crops, so far as they have been sown. The supply of water for crushing purposes at Macetown is also extremely welcome as many of the companies in that locality felt the want of motive power very much interfere with the manufacture of cakes, and no doubt the several machines will now be kept busy reducing the ore at grass until the frost puts a stop to all work.

The Maryborough had a cleaning up of 112 tons of stone, giving 59ozs of gold. This is certainly no very brilliant average per ton, but it must be considered that every particle of stuff broken from the face was tipped into the paddock, and has been put through the mill. The tunnel averages nearly four feet in width, so that it will be seen the average is a payable one after all.

Speaking of the Maryborough reminds me that Mr John Baker took exception at my mention of the death of his mare, and goes in on the "falsehood tack." However, it would appear that my statement came so near the truth that he could not correct it, and his only object appears to be to prove "what rubbish is allowed to get into print," which he does most successfully, notwithstanding his avowed objection to be "dragged before the public." Modest Mr Baker rushes into print to the extent of half a column to do so, and after all he can hardly be held responsible for the rubbish which appeared over his name in the *Arrow Observer* of the 8th inst.

One of the best escorts that has left the Arrow for years was despatched on Monday last. Somewhat over 1,000ozs were sent to Dunedin, coming chiefly from the Macetown reefs, but exclusive of the produce of the Queenstown and Skipper's reefs.

Our patriotic County Councillors are about adding to the property of the County by the purchase of a theatre in Queenstown. In the beginning of February last three of the councillors owned nearly one half of the Queenstown Town Hall, which has always been a kind of bug-bear to the owners, costing more for repairs than the rent it brings in amounts to, so to get rid of it for cash is the patriotic aim of our disinterested councillors, whose motto is not, Should we do it, but, Can it be done? One of the most prominent questions for the ratepayers is, What will they do with the Town Hall, which is nothing more or less than a theatre? Are the Douglases, the McCrackens, and the M'Dougalls going to treat the ratepayers to a free and easy entertainment of the Highland fling description? or do the councillors intend to settle their differences on the principles of the P.R. on the stage? However, all this may be, the large and commodious stage offers every opportunity for the councillors to do their dirty work behind the scenes. To put a fair face upon an ugly job, the councillors interested in the sale say it is done for the purpose of preventing jealousy between the two rival towns of the County. It appears anything will serve for an excuse, but the opposition the proposed purchase has raised may yet convince the councillors to the contrary. The whole affair is of an unhealthy description, and those ratepayers who are initiated in the details watch with considerable interest the issue of the negotiations now pending. Should the purchase be completed, several councillors will so effectually shake the confidence of the ratepayers as to be struck off the list of successful candidates for the future, and the district will be put to the unpleasant alternative of regretting the loss of the services of some of its hitherto most trusted representative men.

## QUEENSTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

April 12.

Nothing was brought under the notice of the Railway Commission here except the pointing out to them of the value of commencing the "Otago Great Central" from this end of the line. This shows justice can be done to the interests of the Clutha Valley though we are divided from it by a lofty chain of mountains known as the Crown Range. The Commission will endeavor to visit Pembroke, and it is to be hoped that the weather will prove fine during their trip. They are known as the "Lightning Commission," from the rapidity of their movements. People here were all on the *qui vive* as to whether we should see certain hustings promises of making a railway to Martin's Bay; one to Arrowtown; one from Arrow to Macetown; and another from Arrow to your own town of Cromwell, urged. Discretion proved the better part of valor this time, and the hustings pledges were put away, to be redeemed (if ever) at a more convenient season.

After a storm comes a calm, is an oft and true saying. Reverse it, and it would prove equally true about our law courts. After a lull, a truce, an era of peace, the demon of discord is at work again. Many of the cases heard or to be heard seem to have been commenced for the purpose of keeping "one's hand in." Few of them have any features but those of a local character, yet one—a rather lively case—that of Finn v. Daniel, claim for £19 odd, balance of amount due plaintiff for moneys paid for the purchase of

a clock from Messrs Khan and Co., Dunedin, —may be of interest. The clock was the subject of a presentation made to Mr Richmond Beetham, R.M., upon his departure from this district. It has also been the subject of previous law suits, and it would cost something to engrave the record of them upon the presentation plate of this unfortunate time-piece. It is never left to "mark time" in peace. It has, however, left its mark, and a rather costly one, in the law courts, and the "history of a clock" could be compiled from the annals of these courts. In this particular case personalities ruled. The defendant was described as Mayor and County Chairman, and was sued as honorary secretary and treasurer of the presentation committee. Mr Finn conducted his own case; Mr Turton, who appeared for defendant, is brother-in-law to Mr Beetham, and got "mixed up" in the case. The defence virtually was that the defendant was not liable, he holding only an honorary position. Mr Finn contended that he had remitted moneys collected for the clock to Messrs Khan and Co.; but the defendant, in reply, rather astonished the plaintiff by showing that he had remitted that money, not on account of the committee, but of the plaintiff himself. This shrewd action did not make the amenities any more agreeable. Then the plaintiff stated the names of defaulters. Mr Turton said Mr Finn was the organizer of the movement; was zealous and eager at the time, and he was to all purposes the actual treasurer, and the purchaser of the bone of contention. Things were getting happy now. Then Mr Turton explained how he had been "had." Mr Beetham being his brother-in-law, he felt a delicacy in subscribing at all. He met a number of persons at Scopes' hotel, Arrowtown, and they pressed him hard to put his name down, stating or leading him to believe that they were subscribing a sum of £3 3s each. He yielded, and "anted up" his quota, but had since discovered that some only paid £1 1s, and some nothing at all, and he considered he was thus badly treated. Mr Finn knew nothing of this. He (Mr F.) considered himself hardly dealt with; he had paid the money to Messrs Khan and Co., upon summons, and upon the strength of assurances contained in the list in the handwriting of the several subscribers. He read the list of defaulters. One was a well-known hotel-keeper, £1 1s. That hotel-keeper has also a grievance re this clock affair. He wants payment for some five guineas' worth of champagne expended over the "christening" of it. Another was the name of a printer, for the same amount, who is understood to have done some advertising or printing, and has a contra account. Others have some excuse or other—the bankruptcy court, it is rumored, in one instance, and so on. Judgment is reserved for a week, but if it goes for defendant other actions against individual subscribers are threatened.

Native game, as anticipated, is scarce this year unless one goes far afield. The Californian quail are not thought so much of as when introduced. Settlement has driven duck and teal and the cawcaw into back places of comparative quietude. Some good bags have, however, been come upon more by chance than design, and in another few days they will be very wild.

Some more of the large trout have been found dead or dying near the Lake shore. These are of both sexes, but the cause of death is a mystery at present. The fishing season is now closed, and many of those last caught were full of roe.

Mr A. M'Kay, of the Geological Survey Department, has been making extensive explorations in the western portion of this district, and has not spared himself. Those who have accompanied him state that his efforts have been laborious, and pursued with vigor. The result is a large collection of material which when classified will prove a useful record.

Dr Hector was anxious to pay a visit to the district, but found himself unable to do so. It is stated in the *N.Z. Times* that one of the Australian colonies offered this gentleman double the salary for his services, but "he refused to accept so tempting an offer because he had been so much bound up with the rise and progress of New Zealand that his whole heart is in his labors to advance the interests of this colony." The statement re double the salary and the reason for declining may be accepted *cum grano salis*, for the Doctor has very good quarters at Wellington.

Wheat has become very saleable at from 3s 6d to 3s 9d, and has been bought at that rate by Southland millers. It is difficult to understand how no prizes came in this direction, for the wheat is preferred by those who are good judges to the Oamaru article. Probably the exhibits sent from the latter place were picked and classed ones, while those from this district were forwarded in rougher condition. The local mills have also bought freely, and the market though not bare is a hardening one. Dwyer's shipment of wheat for London has gone forward, and Mr Ludeman's is to follow.

The Civil Service Commission paid a visit to this district during last week. With train, they numbered seven. Their efforts were confined to examining the several civil servants here, from the Warden downwards. None of the outside public were invited to attend. The amount drawn for supplementary salaries, travelling expenses, etc., is said to have surprised the Commission, as the emoluments received for these services are considerable. It is the intention of the Commission to return as rapidly as possible to Wellington.

The County Council has paid scant attention to a letter stating that a road to Milford

Sound had been discovered. Both the Provincial and Colonial Governments have spent money conjointly in endeavoring to find one; but the expenditure—amounting to hundreds of pounds—was barren of results. Now that the object is likely to be attained, it commands no attention at the hands of our County authorities. So important a matter cannot be allowed to rest at this stage, but it is felt little can be done until next spring. Still the cool reception given to the information shows that the general public must take action, for larger interests than those of Queenstown or Lake County are at stake in this: provided always that the alleged discovery of an excellent pass proves to be correct.

The news from the reefs is this week good. The stone from the prospecting claim at the Head of the Lake looks well. Mr Alex. M'Kay has inspected the reef and passed a favorable opinion. It has been stated more than once that another party have found a fresh reef, and are quietly testing it before taking it up. The Gallant Tipperary, on the saddle between the Macetown and Shotover reefs, has been tested to the extent of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons, and yielded 1oz 2dwt per ton. The discoverer is Mr Thos. Hall. The stone was crushed at the Mount Oram battery, *nee* Nugget and Cornish Company. The stone was procured and crushed from the Mount Oram Company's ground is represented as being very promising, and it would seem as though a prosperous career is after all to be the early lot of the re-organized company. Southberg and party are working on, with good promises; and the Phoenix (old Scandinavian) are in good hopes of striking soon the same line of reef. If they obtain the same prospects as Messrs Southberg have, a desirable change in affairs will become the lot of Messrs Bullen. Both companies for their indomitable pluck deserve to be richly rewarded with good crushings.

## Original Correspondence.

## THE GORGE SOCIAL GATHERING.

*To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.*

SIR—I had the honor of being invited to a picnic and dance at the Kawarau Gorge on the 2nd April, and, knowing from past experience that all social gatherings at the Gorge are conducted in first-rate style, I was there, and in time to be present at the school examination; and I but speak the opinion of all when I say that for a side school, where attendance is usually very irregular, the children are well forward. Apart from good and careful training, some of the children are rarely gifted. A little girl about nine years of age not only read correctly, but with great taste and effect. The same girl gave a recitation with greater skill than many professionals. I heard it remarked that some of the children read regardless of punctuation—perhaps they did, but some of them read so intelligently that I feel convinced if you gave them an essay to punctuate they would read the essay as correctly as the most learned in the science of the language. The writing was neat, denoting care and attention. I like the bold, free, open Roman hand, even should carelessness be discernible. I was sorry the children were not examined in arithmetic, but, being of a timid, retiring disposition, I could not muster courage enough to let my wish be known to the teacher. No doubt the children will be well advanced in the art of computation, as they are in other subjects, and Miss Goulding has good reason to be proud of her flock.

A lovelier day could not have been wished for. Nature seemed to have made arrangements on purpose, and all real and artificial preparations were made for the enjoyment of the children, and they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I noticed the ladies were playing that quiet, uninteresting-looking game called croquet, while the children were running races, for which prizes were given. Many willing hands were busy carrying tea, coffee, sandwiches, buns, cakes, and all manner of good things; while about 50 children were as busy demolishing them. When dusk came, open-air feasting ended, and tables were laid in Mr Welsh's place opposite the schoolroom, well loaded with all the good things of this life, provided and prepared by our fair friends at the Gorge, who have got the happy knack of making every one feel merry and comfortable; and they have also a special gift for preparing a wonderfully pleasant feast. On this occasion a large number was invited, and Miss Goulding was indefatigable in her endeavors to receive and give every new arrival a pleasant welcome. Her unassuming gentleness and pleasant manner during the evening was apparently felt and appreciated by old and young, and her residence must have been crowded with ladies, babies, and their appendages. About eight o'clock Mrs Watson took her seat at the harmonium, and Mr M'Gregor at her side with the violin. Music then struck up in a sprightly measure, and married dames and bright-eyed damsels were led from their seats by the sterner sex. Beauty was beaming from sparkling eyes, and glee and mirth lightened the bosom of every lurking care. The programme met with the approval of the entire assembly of guests, and all appeared to enjoy themselves.

Mrs Herbert sang *The Meeting of the Waters* in her usual grand style, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Mrs Herbert and Mr M'Gregor's rendering of *The Minnie Gun at Sea*, with Miss Nuttford and Mr Griffiths in chorus, was really good. Mrs Corse and Miss Tippett sang in good style, accompanied on the harmonium by Miss Murrell. By-the-by I think the harmonium is a musical instrument altogether too noisy for the human voice. Lastly, a recitation, the treat of the evening, was rendered with great taste and skill by Master William Chapple. I now conclude by wishing my Gorge friends continued success.—I am, &c.,

A VISITOR.

April 6th, 1880.

A Maine man who didn't care two shakes of a lamb tail about the newspapers rode 14 miles through a fierce snow storm to get a copy of a weekly that spoke of him as a "a prominent citizen."

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

BERLIN, April 6.

The Federal Council has rejected Prince Bismarck's stamp duties, and in consequence of the action taken Prince Bismarck has resigned. It is, however, probable that the Council will reconsider the resolutions.

LONDON, April 7.

The election returns, so far, show that the Liberals have gained 67 seats which were held in the last Parliament by Conservatives, five seats having been won since the 5th inst. The Liberals are, however, being less successful in the counties. Mr Parnell, the Home-Ruler, who represented the County of Meath in the last House, has been elected for Cork.

The wool market is firm.

BOMBAY, April 7.

The reported death of Mahomed Jan, leader of the Afghan tribes at Ghuzni, is denied.

LONDON, April 8.

A banquet has been held in honor of Mr M'Illwraith, at which Earl Cardigan presided, and proposed Mr M'Illwraith's health.

The Liberals have now gained 83 seats, and, contrary to expectations, the country elections are going in favor of the Liberals.

An opinion is gaining ground that the Ministry will resign before the meeting of Parliament.

A Liberal demonstration took place to-day, at which Lord Hartington made a speech. He denied the statements which had been made to the effect that the Liberal party was divided, and said it was more united than it had ever been.

A rumour recently published in the London newspapers that Theba, king of Burmah, was dead, is entirely unconfirmed.

VIENNA, April 8.

Baron Von Haymerle, minister for Foreign Affairs, has made application to the Austrian Parliament for an extra grant of £1000 for the proper representation of Austro-Hungary at the Melbourne Exhibition.

BERLIN, April 8.

The Emperor of Germany refuses to accept the resignation of Prince Bismarck, who consequently remains in office.

LONDON, April 9.

The elections are now nearly concluded, and the Liberal gains amount to 87 seats.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.

Notwithstanding that a decree is given to the aggression of the Chinese who are reported to have crossed the Amoor River, orders have been given to despatch five more Russian cruisers to China, and the opinion is prevalent that in case of war being declared, Russia would proceed with naval operations, besides taking active measures to prosecute the war on land.

## THE THAMES EASTER REVIEW

The following account of the manoeuvres at the Thames Volunteer Review presents a picture somewhat different from the recent affair at Christchurch. We quote from the *Thames Star*:

On the arrival of the column at Tararn, the bands broke off and marched into the gardens, where they played a number of selections during the shamfight to the delight of the large crowd which thronged the sylvan shades of that delightful retreat. In addition to those in the gardens there must have been fully a thousand spectators on the flat, which number was constantly augmented by the arrival of loaded busses from Grahamstown. In front of the Royal Hotel two wheels of fortune were in full operation and seemed to be doing a large business. After the departure of the bands, the line was formed to the left on rear company, the column having previously closed up. The Cavalry advanced to make a reconnaissance, and every sixth file marched in front of the line, and formed skirmishing order to receive the cloud of horsemen. The whole line was then ordered to advance and the skirmishers having fallen into their places, the command "halt" was given. A sharp fusilade then opened on the enemy, who soon retreated, and the firing discontinued. The next item on the programme for the mimic battle was a pursuit by the Cavalry after the retreating enemy to facilitate which the right and left companies wheeled inward. The Cavalry charged past in grand style, and while they were engaged in harassing the vanquished fire, the two companies turned about and wheeled back into line at the double. The whole line then retired, and prepared to receive the cavalry, who after charging the supposed enemy, became transmogrified into a hostile squadron. The appearance of the squadron charging on the infantry formation was most exciting—the flashing swords, continuous rattle of musketry, and deep boom of cannon, with a "sulphurous canopy," all contributed to give the spectators an idea of a life and death struggle. After a sharp action, the cavalry, despite their gallant assault were repulsed with loss, and the infantry changing the offensive to the defensive, advanced in echelon of companies. They had not advanced far, however, before the cavalry turned, and company square was formed to resist their fierce charge, which was also repulsed. The orders "Re-form company" were then given, and line having been formed the force was wheeled into column by the right. The next movement was the formation of battalion square—similar to that used at the battle of Ulundi—to receive a general onslaught of the enemy's horse. The cavalry charged on the whole four sides of the compact mass of infantry, but again the horsemen had to retire. During one of these charges two of the cavalry men collided, and both their horses came on their knees. Fortunately neither were hurt, though the horses appeared to be a little shaken. After the assault the whole force deployed into line, and having taken open order were inspected by Lieut.-Colonel Lyon, who rode through the ranks attended by his staff. The next movement of interest was the march past, which was followed by the Cavalry first marching and then galloping past. After several other movements the men took open order, and the infantry grounded arms, while the Cavalry dismounted, and all proceeded to luncheon, which was provided on the ground.

## DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

April 8.

To begin about the weather, let me tell you that the present season has been the most wonderful one for sustained fine weather that we, in this portion of Otago, have ever experienced. There never was so forward a spring; the summer has been unequalled; and the autumn has been grand beyond compare. March usually is here as at home, a boisterous, unpleasant month; but this year the weather throughout it has been perfect—mild and warm to a degree. In spite of the little rain that has fallen, the country has not been so dry as in former seasons when heavy winds have been experienced; still in the farming districts prayers for rain were just beginning to be put up. Yesterday, just in time, the change came, and we have had a steady down-pour of rain for about twelve hours. It will do an immense deal of good, unquestionably, and now we are ready for more fine weather, if it so pleases the powers.

The Easter holidays were particularly enjoyable this year, by reason of the fine weather. The grand Volunteer migration to Christchurch is a matter of history. You will not want to be told anything about that. Coming so soon after the Cumberland-street tragedy,

in many a house in Dunedin the departure of the head of the household to attend the Review caused serious trepidation amongst the women folk; but such precautionary measures as a tutelage in revolver practice had been taken, and so far as the public heard, no advantage was attempted to be taken of the absence of Volunteers lords and masters. This noble portion of the creation don't seem to have behaved themselves altogether well on their jaunt, but it is believed there has been a good deal of exaggeration. They have been well chaffed since they came back—the Naval Brigade, for instance, being now hailed by the term of "Fruiterers," in reference to the Ashburton escapade; and it is stated that there have been a good many stand-up fights over such a query addressed to our gallant defenders as "What's the price of lollies?" and so forth.

In Dunedin itself the Easter holidays were very enjoyable. The weather was magnificent. Thousands of people made trips by tramway to the suburbs, and by train to the country. It is seldom indeed that at such a season outing is so generally indulged in. The tramways are felt to be a glorious institution. They run now to the Ocean Beach, where, as on the sands of Margate, &c., the donkey rides are now available. Every fine day, week-day and Sunday, wonderful numbers of grown-ups and youngsters go out to the Beach, and yet the numbers who go to the other end of the town, to the Botanical Gardens, and picnicing at Kelvin Grove, &c., don't seem to be lessened. Dunedin is becoming a more habitable place year by year. With shooting and fishing within short distance by rail, and these places to go to by tramway, there is no excuse about "nowhere to go on holidays." Shortly, also, a steamer is to be put on to Grant's Braces, and the other side of the water will then no doubt become a favorable resort. And despite all we hear about dull times, the want of employment, &c., it is astonishing how many people find money to spend on holidaymaking whenever there is an opportunity.

Then in addition the railway authorities wisely have instituted Lake Wakatipu excursion jaunts. All who go, and the number has not been small, come back delighted beyond measure. When the great Central railway is completed the round trip will be all the rage—that is, to Wakatipu by Southland, to Cromwell by coach (and you in the interior metropolis must see that inducements are offered in this direction), then to Wanaka and back to Dunedin by Straththaieri railway.

Remember when the Railway Commissioners pay you a visit to talk largely to them about the advantages of a railway trip to Wanaka and Hawea for tourists; the Wanaka district is not as well known as a delightful resort as it ought to be; but while the difficulties in the way of getting to it remain as they are, much enlightenment as to its qualities can't be expected.

To go on to another subject suggested by the weather, there is our Silverstream water supply. The long dry spell has given this a severe test, from which it has not come out so brilliantly as it ought, considering that some £30,000 has been spent on it. You must understand that the city is not solely dependent on the Silverstream. The Water of Leith supply, which has done good service, is still kept up, and in ordinarily moist weather the Silverstream is not largely drawn upon. But we all thought it would be there when it was wanted. But this has proved a delusion and a snare, to a degree. The water is brought in an open race for 12 or 14 miles, and then for two miles before it reaches the city it is conveyed in pipes. An inspection of the race by a number of the City Councillors on Good Friday showed that while there was any quantity, (comparatively speaking), of water in the race, the receiving pipe was not large enough, and while 14 inches of water—14 inch being the size of the pipe—came into town 10 inches ran to waste. This points apparently to the necessity either of taking up the 14-inch main and laying down one much larger, or putting another alongside it; and whichever course is followed means the outlay of perhaps £10,000. Then, in addition to that, the Engineer for the scheme coolly, at this period of time, recommends that the reservoir, now being built, be increased in holding capacity from 18,000,000 gallons to 45,000,000. One is puzzled to know what he

was thinking about when he said that the 18-million size would answer all purposes. The alteration will mean an extra £3000 or £4000. Altogether it is becoming apparent that in connection with this celebrated water supply scheme there has been horrible blundering. Yet, besides the Engineer proper connected with the scheme, two such clever men were associated with him as consulting engineers as Mr Mirams and Mr Blair. It may not be altogether a pleasing thing to admit, but possibly some of the up-country towns might teach their big brothers on the sea coast something about water supply.

A letter from Dunedin just now without a reference to the Cumberland-street tragedy would be an unfinished affair. But there is not much to tell. Butler has been brought before the Supreme Court, and the judge has at his request adjourned the hearing of the charge against him till this day week. Butler had a very confident hearing in Court. He intends, it is understood, to defend himself throughout, and if so it may be expected that the trial will be spun out considerably, for he goes in for lengthened cross-examinations. It is understood that he got advice from Mr Stout and Mr F. Chapman regarding the application he made for adjournment. The trial will be watched here with the greatest interest.

The "Butler scare," as it has been called, is beginning to subside. One out of Dunedin would scarcely believe to what an extent it raged for the space of a fortnight. There were all kinds of flying reports about wonderful burglaries, sticking up cases, &c. I know of an instance in which a couple of decent respectable men, going about dusk one evening to see the scene of Stamper's fire, and making their way towards the back premises, were suddenly confronted by the owner of an adjoining property, who, with American axe in hand and uplifted ready for execution, asked in the most severe tones what might be their business. And it is told for a fact about a portly if not very patrician merchant of Bond-street that he nearly frightened the life out of an innocent nightman who came one night to clean the outhouse. The man had not been expected that night, and the place he was to clean was locked; so he went to knock at the door to get the key. The merchant hearing the step on the verandah, sent a bullet from a revolver through his bedroom window before one could say "Jack Robinson." Happily he did not shoot with such effect as did the butcher who shot the tabby, and the man was more frightened than hurt.

We have been delighted here in Dunedin to hear that your vivacious and versatile County Chairman has been appearing with much success upon the boards as "Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B." It is pleasing to know that the cares of office sit not so heavily upon his shoulders but that occasionally he can unbend to amuse a country public. No one who has an acquaintance with him can doubt that his "First Lord" was a finished performance, for Mr Pyke is almost a heaven-born "Sir Joseph." One can imagine the stately dignity with which he would descend to official utterances upon the quarter-deck, and to look the character to perfection he need only strike his "customary attitude." We yearn almost for a repetition of the performance here, and can promise him a large, enthusiastic and fashionable audience. It is on record that Mr Bastings once on the floor of the House offered then and there to sing a verse of the New Zealand Anthem for the benefit of a member who confessed his ignorance about that soul-stirring melody; but the speaker had to rule such a proceeding out of order. But in all probability that august official would be less hard-hearted were Mr Pyke, in the small hours of some wearisome debate, to offer his solo of "The Queen's Navee" as a break upon the monotony.

## PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The Waimea Plains line of railway—better known as the Gore-Elbow line—will probably be ready for opening on the 1st June. Waitaki is likely to lose the services of Mr T. W. Hislop in the House of Representatives. Mr Hislop finds his increasing business will require his entire attention.

Great complaints are being made at Oamaru on account of the alleged insufficiency of the present police force there. Oamaru has now 5,000 souls and they have only two policemen on night duty.

Four of the Invercargill Rifles are likely to be expelled from the force for insubordination at the Christchurch Review. One never appeared on parade all the time the company was in Christchurch.

A Royal Commission for the Melbourne Exhibition has been appointed at Wellington, consisting of His Excellency, Dr Hector, the Mayor of Wellington, and Messrs Dransfield, Lemon, Levin, McIntyre, Krull, Thompson, and Tolhurst.

The *Southland News* hears that the sum offered to the Invercargill Garrison Band for playing at Christchurch for two days was £100. The selection of the Invercargill men, and the price offered for their services, is the best evidence as to which was regarded as the premier band at the late review.

It is said that as a young lady was walking along one of the streets in Waimate the other night after dark, she was overtaken by a married gentleman, who, knowing her slightly, escorted her to her home, and, in taking his leave, kissed her. The sequel to this idyllic adventure is that a summons for the assault was taken out by the insulted lady, and the kiss cost that silly man just £5 and expenses.

The proprietors of the gambling houses in Sydney, on which the police recently made a raid, were fined £70 and £25 respectively.

During a recent sermon at Invercargill, the Rev. W. P. Tanner, Episcopal clergyman, said that he had never known a man who changed his creed to prosper in his worldly affairs.

An obelisk has been erected in the old cemetery by the corporation of Dunedin in memory of a number of the early settlers of Otago. The total cost of the work will be under £300.

The Queensland Government offers a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of a cure for rust in wheat, subject to the condition that the cure shall be proved to be successful during three consecutive seasons in the colony.

At the Invercargill Police Court on Wednesday, Louis Schmoll, an elderly man, was charged with attempting to murder his wife by discharging a pistol at her head, at East Invercargill on the 7th April inst. The accused was remanded for eight days.

The Dunedin City Bench dismissed the information against the publicans for selling adulterated liquors at the races, it being proved that there was only 27 per cent. water, which is slightly in excess of the allowance in Melbourne for adulteration.

Captain Drew, of the steamer *Awarua*, has forwarded a report to the collector of Customs at Invercargill, regarding his search for the seven sealers who went missing at the Auckland Islands. The search has proved unsuccessful, and Captain Drew is of opinion that the men left Port Ross for Norman Inlet, and that their boat foundered on the way down.

The Secretary of State for the colonies has forwarded to the New Zealand Government a dispatch transmitting a copy of the English Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain marriages of British subjects on board Her Majesty's ships. The chief provision is that all marriages which have been solemnised by any religious right or contracted *per verba de presenti*, shall be valid.

A resolution has been passed dissolving the Loyal Sons of Perseverance Lodge of Oddfellows, Riverton. The cause which has led to this rather extraordinary course is said to be lack of active interest by the members. The few who have pluckily carried it on under adverse circumstances for two years, have unwillingly acquiesced in the inevitable. It is estimated that the Lodge has property and funds to the value of £1,000, which will be divided amongst the members, who number 35.

Lieutenant Colonel St. Hill, until recently private secretary to Governor Weld, and Commandant of the Tasmanian Volunteers, has got into trouble. The papers report that he opened an account at the Bank of Hobart Town, into which he paid sums for the maintenance of the Governor's establishment as well as private moneys of his own. The bank reported to the Governor that his account was overdrawn to the extent of £1400, and the Governor made good the deficiency, suspending and afterwards dismissing Lieut. Colonel Hill as his private secretary. Subsequently Governor Weld suspended Colonel Hill from the Commandants-hip of Volunteers, and reported the matter to the Horse Guards. Colonel Hill's dismissal as Commandant has since been gazetted.

The Dunroon correspondent of the *North Otago Times* wrote yesterday afternoon (6th) as follows:—An elderly man, known as Ned the Rabbiter, has been missing for more than a fortnight, and is believed to be dead. He was last seen on the Upper Waitaki, greatly under the influence of drink, and a few days after his dog returned to the township without him. Large parties have been in search of him, but without avail, and he is believed to be either down the river, or lying dead under a flax bush. He was a quiet, civil, inoffensive man, and one regrets that he should be another victim to that atrocious stuff supplied by up-country shanties under the name of refreshment. Poor Ned is dead—those who supplied him with poison are innocent in the eye of the law, and were they to kill off another the same way every week in the year, who dare say they have committed murder?

## French Convicts in New Zealand.

We observe there are those who denounce any attempt on the part of the Government, or people of New Zealand, to keep out the liberated convicts from New Caledonia. They represent the new arrivals to be worthy, if unfortunate, members of society, who ought to be regarded with pity and kindness, rather than repulsion. They describe them as intelligent, accomplished, industrious and self-reliant, and treat the outcry which has been raised against their introduction, as a mere effusion of prejudice and bombast. This, however, though a benevolent, is a very wrong view to take of the matter. A criminal is none the less a criminal because he speaks French and plays the piano. Many of the most dangerous ruffians on the continent do both. An utterly abnormal development of the bump of destructiveness is quite compatible with an admirable talent for languages and music. It is, we suspect, solely because these people are foreigners that they excite sympathy. They do not look or behave like the familiar type of British convicts, and the interest which naturally attaches to them as refugees, and possibly as sufferers for political opinion, goes far to obscure the public estimation of them. The real question though to be considered is not whether just now they are poor and helpless, and harmless in exterior, but whether they are malefactors who by

their past life have shown themselves to be enemies of society. Before we are generous to the refugees from New Caledonia, we must be just to the inhabitants of New Zealand. If this colony were an universal charitable reformatory asylum for distressed foreigners of bad antecedents, well and good. In that case these deportees would be entitled to a cordial welcome here, and would supply an excellent material for testing the efficacy of the "system." But it is nothing of the sort. It is a young country, which in its infancy only escaped the curse of convict settlement by the heroic efforts of its founder, and has made marvellous progress since in all that tends to the construction of a great, free, and highly civilised nation. Why then should we, after having thus achieved the best missions of a colony, spoil all by encouraging foreigners to do what we would not submit to from our own flesh and blood. It must surely be a false sentimentality which leads any New Zealand colonist to countenance the pollution of the pure current of our national life by the muddy overflow of the scum of other countries. We trust that the Government at all events will not allow any such considerations to weigh with them in dealing with a matter which vitally affects the welfare of the whole community.—*Canterbury Press*.

## New Mechanical Process for Saving Gold from Quartz.

It has always been understood that gold associated with pyrites was held in chemical union, and that therefore the metal could not be liberated except by roasting it. It is well known that the fire process is an expensive way of recovering gold from pyrites, and that in consequence many good reefs have been abandoned. To extract gold from pyrites by the last-named process means a cost of two or three pounds per ton. We have a circular before us announcing that Denny and Roberts, of this city, have supplied the School of Mines, Ballarat, with one of their new machines, which will be employed in testing samples for the public. This machine will be worked under the management of the head of the institution, who will assay each sample before being operated upon by the patent machine, in order to give the miner an exact account of the amount of gold his tailings contained per ton; so that result obtained by the machine will indicate the exact percentage of gold it recovers when compared with the result by fire-assay. The School of Mines management has gone to considerable trouble and expense in erecting this machine, because it will be an immense advantage to the mining public. The circular invites miners and mining companies in all part of the colonies to forward samples of not less than one hundredweight, and not more than one ton of tailings or blanketing for treatment. The charges will be strictly moderate, the object being to advance the mining interest, not to make a profit out of the trials. The first lot tried was on Monday last, the result of which was telegraphed to Bathurst the following day, as under:—"One ton of concentrated pyrites from South Clunes treated by Denny and Roberts' new process, yielded 4oz 15dw 10grs of gold." A sample of this was assayed by the School of Mines before being operated on by the new machine and found to contain just 5oz of gold per ton. The machine therefore extracted 95 per cent. of the fire assay by a purely mechanical process, no scientific labor being necessary. It was not expected that a greater yield than from 60 to 70 per cent. would be obtained from the concentrated pyrites, as it is much more difficult to extract gold from it than from ordinary tailings or blanketing; therefore the extraordinary result of 95 per cent. very much astonished the Ballarat miners. Twenty-four of the new machines are now being manufactured at the Union Foundry, Ballarat, to be erected at St. Arnaud in the colony of Victoria. It is supposed that this plant will be completed and at work in five or six weeks from now, and within that time it is expected that a number of mining plants will have one or more of the new machines attached to their batteries. A great demand has already set in for them. These machines are manufactured at the Union Foundry, Ballarat, only, where any information can be obtained respecting them; or from Mr Thomas Denny, Bathurst, or School of Mines, Ballarat. This machine will be found to be of immense value to prospectors, as the rotary grinder in the top pan is arranged to crush stone. Prospectors may take one of these machines and a portable engine and set them down to a new reef without going to any expense for foundations, sheds, &c., until after the reef is payable. What an amount of money would have been saved if this could have been done when the mining excitement was on! Mining plants were put up in all parts of the country at a cost of from five to six thousand pounds each plant. From one to two years were lost in erecting these immense plants, and in connection with most of them, after working two or three weeks, it was discovered that the stone would not pay; in some cases the reason being that the stone did not contain sufficient gold, and in other cases that the gold, being associated with base metals, could not be extracted by the ordinary crushing machine process. The prospector who tries his reef with one of Denny and Robert's machines will not fail through the last mentioned cause; and should he fail from the first, why he has only to shift his machine—like the steam thresher—to the next stack of quartz.—*Times*, Bathurst, March 6.

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